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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 6th March 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 6th March 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 152 carts of ragi and 26 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 197 carts of ragi and 23 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 80 to Rs. 90 per cart during the week against Rs. 71 to Rs. 90 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers to buy.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling to the poor, Rangoon rice at 4¾ seers a rupee. The importers are selling rice to the public as per instructions of the Food Controller.

Mysore City.—There is no change in the situation.

Bangalore District.—There was no rain during the week in the taluks of Anekal, Devanhalli and Closepet, while the fall in the other taluks ranged from a few cents to 45 cents at Kankanhalli. The standing crops, sugar-cane and paddy are in good condition.

Rice (local) is selling at 3½ to 4¼ seers per rupee and Delta and Burma rice at 4½ seers. There is sufficient supply in the market. Ragi is selling at 6½ to 8 seers and at Magadi 9 seers up to a limited quantity under an arrangement come to between the Amildar and certain raiyats with surplus stock who have undertaken to send to the market 10 pallas of ragi for distribution to the poor people. The supply of ragi in the market is still limited but no coercive action is called for as yet as the people are to a large extent accustomed to the consumption of Burma rice owing to the ruling high price of ragi.

Arrangements will be made to make available Burma rice in the interior portions of the taluks which are not served by Co-operative Societies.

Mysore District.—There is no change whatsoever. Markets are sufficiently supplied.

Tumkur District.—There is no material change in the situation. There is a slight increase in the supply of ragi to the market, owing to the collection season and the price has fallen down to Rs. 70 to Rs. 75 per cart-load. The price of paddy remains unchanged. Demand for Burma rice from taluks continues as before.

Kolar District.—The first 100 tons of the January allotment has been received and distributed among the taluks of Kolar, Bowringpet and Mulbagal. The balance of 300 tons is under distribution among these taluks as well as the taluks of Malur, Srinivaspur and Chintamani. An allotment of 500 tons has been asked from the February, March and April allotments. The February allotment is expected shortly and will be distributed among the taluks.

Orders have issued that the Amildars and the Taluk Sheristadars should manage the Taluk Depots on the double lock system as in the Treasury. Further instructions have also been issued in regard to the verification of consignments.

Prices of food grains do not show any sign of appreciable decrease.

Hassan District.—The *santhes* were fairly well supplied, but ragi is not so freely coming into markets as rice. Large stock of paddy and rice still continue to be exported to Bangalore and other places in the State.

Standing crops such as *Kar paddy* and sugar-cane are in a good condition.

Prices still continue to be high. The price of chillies is also rising.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present.

Shimoga District.—There is nothing of special importance to report in regard to the food situation.

Rice of the second sort is reported to have sold at the last Ayanur fair at slightly cheaper rates, the supply being plentiful.

Exports of foodstuffs to Harihar, Davangere and Mysore District continues.

There is a slight increase in the price of horse-gram throughout the district.

Kadur District.—All the markets were well supplied with food stuffs, but the prices remained almost the same as before. At Chikmagalur, the price of rice showed a slight tendency to rise. It was sold at 4 to 4½ seers a rupee as against 4 to 5½ seers in the last week. In Koppa, ordinary rice was sold at 6 to 6½ seers a rupee, while it was sold at 5 to 5½ seers in the previous week.

Chitaldrug District.—There has been no material change in the food situation during the week under report.

The prices are stationery.

General (By Food Controller).—There was a slight fall of rain in parts of the Bangalore and Mysore Districts. The markets throughout the State are reported to have received adequate supplies. The prices generally have not come down. In the Tumkur District however the price of ragi has come down to Rs. 70, per cart-load. In the Bangalore City, the price of ragi during the week was slightly higher than in the previous week, but subsequent to the 6th instant however the price has gone down to Rs. 73, per cart-load. There seems to be a tendency for prices to go down and it is hoped that the sale of Burma broken rice, February allotment, in the Market will assist this. The arrival of Burma whole rice, February allotment, is also calculated to bring down the prices of local rice to a certain extent.

The whole of the Burma rice allotment for February has been shipped and has arrived in Madras and half of it has been already consigned to several stations.

The March allotment of Burma rice, consisting of 4,000 tons has been ordered direct from Millers at Rangoon at rates almost the same as those secured for February.

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Agricultural and Industrial Statistics.

READ—

Letter No. C. Per. 107, dated 27—30th January 1920, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting a consolidated return of Village Statistics* in Mysore with his review thereon for the year 1918-19.

*(Printed as annexures.)

Order No. 912-35—Stl. 21-19-2, dated 6th March 1920.

Recorded.

1. The statistics and review have, as usual been received after considerable delay; nor has the delay led to any greater accuracy in the figures. In fact, the figures of the Bangalore District are in some cases identical with those of 1917-18.

2. *Village activities.*—The statistics cover 185 villages more than in the previous year, being for 18,923 against 18,738 villages in 1917-18. The number of